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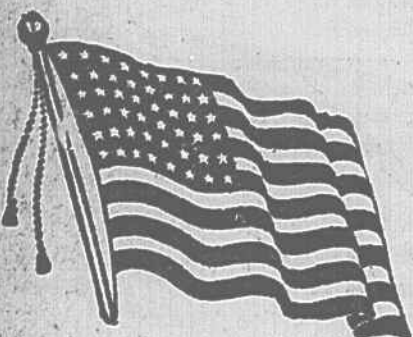
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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a govern-
ment of the people, by the people, for the people, whose
powers are derived from the consent of the governed;
a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many
sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable,
established upon those principles of freedom, equality, jus-
tice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed
their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty
to my country to love it; to support its Constitution;
to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against
all enemies.

GOETHALS' NEW JOB.

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE W. GOETHALS
has been relieved of his duties as an assistant to
the chief of staff and has returned to the retired list
of the army. Said a dispatch from Washington the other
day. But there is no such place as a retired list for
the doers, the rare men who know how to take men and
machinery and refashion the earth.

It is not at all surprising therefore to hear that the
builder of the Panama canal, the man who in a few short
weeks restored order out of the appalling chaos which re-
igned in the purchase and traffic departments of the War
department at the beginning of our participation in the
great war, is going to France to engage in reconstruction
work as the representative of an engineering firm.

All Europe was astonished by the vastness and the
speed of the work done by the American army in France.
The terminal facilities we erected, the railways we built,
the machine shops we set up simply amazed the folks on
the other side. And it was good work. When they find
out exactly what was done and how it was done the folks
at home are also going to put the seal of their approval on
this construction, which was planned with wonderful scope
and executed with a dash that does us credit.

But one very quiet, extremely efficient man at a desk
in Washington made it all possible. But for his sure
hand, capable brain and unflinching temper the whole pro-
gram would have gone to smash just as much of the con-
struction work undertaken for private account right here
in America did go to smash. Now that quiet man is
going to the front himself. If he gets a chance equal to
his abilities the work of restoring France will not take
as long as even the more optimistic observers have believed
it would take.

CORNWELL TO THE UNIONS

IN a letter which he has addressed to every labor union
in the State Governor Cornwell takes the same position
with regard to a police force for West Virginia that this
newspaper took early last week—that no one has any
right to oppose the project to provide the State with a
police force who does not approach the matter in a con-
structive manner.

In his letter to the unions Governor Cornwell says:

"It is the duty of every citizen to support the law in every
legitimate way, as every one of them will. I believe
at least, who have come to me for any purpose, but I do not intend to permit the I. W. W. and the Bolsheviks to make this state their
headquarters unless the legislature wills to leave the state unprotected. I am appealing

RUFF STUFF

Jackson street wears the kind of
inscrutable smile that is usually
attributed to the Chinese this morn-
ing.

Jackson street has found a way to
beat the new revenue law and yet sell
boose for the old price.

Likker was six dollars for the guys
who are easy with their money Sat-
urday night.

The tight wads who were disposed
to haggle over the price finally got
their five.

That is, they paid five for what
they got.

And what they got is what makes
Jackson street smile this morning.

Young German army officers are
said to be applying for commissions in
the American and Japanese armies.

to you and to all union labor members to aid
me in keeping the state free from such dis-
turbance elements.

"I further most sincerely hope that you
will not permit your organizations to be misled
into opposing any form of military or police
protection. You may need such protection
worse than any one else. The corporations can
hire guards. You must look to the law and
the properly constituted authority.

"I suggest you pursue the constructive pol-
icy of sending representatives to the legisla-
ture to help shape up proper legislation. Do not
merely oppose and protest. If the bill or bills
offered are not satisfactory, help to secure one
that will be satisfactory and will at the same
time meet the needs of the state."

No honest man can deny the fundamental justice of
this position. The need of some police protection is
admitted and unless the opponents of the measure that
passed the senate have something better to offer they can-
not well complain if their arguments fall upon deaf ears.

OUR COMMUNITY CENTER.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIA-
TION is the nearest approach to a community center
that Fairmont can boast and the whole town there-
fore is, or ought to be, interested in the success of the an-
nual membership campaign which will be launched this
evening at the general meeting of the membership to be
held at the fine home of the local association.

To realize just how important a part the Y. M. C.
A. does play in the community life here one needs but
to take a glance at the membership roll. Tonight's
meeting will be presided over by J. M. Hartley, president
of the association, who has played a prominent part in
every important forward movement that has taken place
in Fairmont in the past quarter of a century, and surround-
ing him will be practically all the really important men
and women of the city.

Members of the Women's club, of the Rotary, the
Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' association, the
Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' association, the
Red Cross and practically all the churches meet on com-
mon ground at the Y. M. C. A. and it is the only or-
ganization in this city of which it may be said.

Naturally in the past the Y. M. C. A. has exerted a
tremendous influence for good, not only on Fairmont as a
community, but upon the individual members. Boys
going through the public schools, young men drawn here
from other cities to enter offices and stores have within
the walls of the Y. M. C. A. come into personal touch
with the men who have made, and are making, this town
what it is, with the result that the opportunities and the
sympathies of both have been broadened and deepened,
community solidarity has been fostered. What the Y.
M. C. A. does in body, mind and spirit building and
strengthening need not be touched on, except to say that
in this respect the Fairmont Y. M. C. A. has been the
equal of any association in a city of this size in the coun-
try, and under the new general secretary, Mr. Cash, the
religious side will soon be developed way beyond any-
thing ever attempted here before.

Occupying such a position in the community it is mani-
festly to the interest of the whole people to have the Y.
M. C. A. increased in membership and strengthened in
resources so that it can in the future excel anything it has
accomplished in the past. It is the fervent hope of The
West Virginian, therefore, that it will be possible to say
at the end of the campaign that the desired membership
record of 2,000 has been attained.

The selection of Herbert Hoover to be director gen-
eral of the American Relief Administration which will
have charge of the expenditure of the hundred million
dollar relief fund for the starving people of Europe will
give general satisfaction. Hoover is one of the striking
figures of the war. Born with great executive capacity
and given the training of an engineer the accident of
being made the head of the first organized effort to re-
lieve the wants of the Belgians led to his becoming the
world's foremost victualing expert. He will make the
American dollars go farther and do more than any other
man that might be named.

In deciding not to filibuster against the Victory
loan measure the Republicans in Congress scored a point
in practical politics for which they are apt to be pro-
foundly thankful before the year is over. With the Victory
loan bill out of the way the future is in the hands
of the President and if the country suffers because con-
gress is not immediately called in extraordinary ses-
sion there will be no possibility of dividing the respon-
sibility.

Conditions throughout Germany are far from set-
tled and the basis of the unrest which may yet pro-
duce a new revolution seems to be the scarcity of food.
In Paris and in Washington grave statesmen are think-
ing profoundly and trying to peer into the future but men
and women over most of continental Europe who feel
the pangs of hunger are not able to think very much
beyond the agonizing present. But this is not the first
time widespread want followed war. As a matter of
fact there has been such an experience after every great
war.

Attorney General Gregory who resigned for the
ostensible purpose of resuming his private practice of
law is, it is announced at Washington, to accompany
Mr. Wilson back to Paris to act as his general adviser
and assistant. His first retainer probably will go a long
way toward recouping him for the sacrifices he made in
staying in the cabinet. The fees of lawyers engaged in
international work usually are large.

A dispatch from Coblenz says it is the opinion of
American army officers who have been making an in-
vestigation that there is no fight left in the remnants
of the once might German army. The super-man non-
sense has been whipped out of them; in other words

ANSWERS QUERIES ASKED OF PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Stoetzer spoke last evening
regarding questions asked him from
time to time. He said "A pastor in his
experience is asked many questions
growing from serious things in life
and I will endeavor to give a few ex-
planations and reasons for some of
these questions. The first question
was, 'What help you can give one
about to undergo a surgical opera-
tion?' Dr. Stoetzer said such an opera-
tion was often thought the most seri-
ous step in a person's life that one
often faced life or death at such a time
and that he usually impressed upon the
patient's mind one or several Bible
thoughts. 'I will never leave thee or
forsake thee,' was a comforting line.
'Fear not, I am with thee,' was an-
other. He suggested that the sick per-
son think of but one verse and con-
tinue to think of it. It was necessary
and best to lay aside every care no
matter how big the problems were.
Christians always stand operations
best because they relax and feel the
Lord is standing ready to sustain.
One always comes out either best
when free from worry or strain.

The second question—'What is the
simplest condition in order to become
a Christian?' was answered best with
the words, 'Believe and ye shall be
saved.' Dr. Stoetzer said that a min-
uted with good thoughts had no room
for evil. To live by Christ and wa-
sim continually was the simplest con-
dition necessary. To do this men need
help from on high.

The third question, 'Why does not
the church pay sick benefits as does
a lodge?' Rev. Stoetzer answered in
this manner: The lodge limits mem-
bership to certain years; catching a
man during his productive years. No
drones can gain membership to a
lodge. In this way the church or lod-
ges are minimized. The church has
all ages into its membership—even
children.

'It receives the young who are
unproductive, it receives the young
and conditions. Some churches
spite of this are considering this ve-
ning but it will require much more
machinery than is now available.

'Can one hold to Christian Science
and be a member of an evangelistic
church?' Rev. Stoetzer said that
there are different kinds of Christian Sci-
entists. He thought if a Scientist be-
lieved firmly that there was no mat-
ter of disease, and no sin, there was no
necessity for his belonging to an
evangelistic church. Rev. Stoetzer
said he thought those who believed
more in the power of mind over mat-
ter could very well belong to an evan-
gelistic church without any interfer-
ing with the Christian Science faith,
because he believed in that phase of
science himself.

There were many more questions
which Rev. Stoetzer did not answer
last evening but which he promised to
answer next Sunday evening. Among
them were "What is real success? How
can a young man best overcome tempta-
tions to impurity? What is the
greatest cause for divorce?"

After answering the questions prom-
ised for last evening, Rev. Stoetzer
preached his usual Sunday evening
sermon on another theme.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks.

The groundhog story is all right for
those credulous folks who are willing
to accept nearly anything poured into
their ears as truth. But the discrim-
inating folks who have given the mat-
ter study and research know that the
first sign of spring is the appearance
of the robin. Experts go further and
point out that the singing robin on
the first Sunday morning in March
means—but then that would be telling.
Luther Fleming, who resides in Cole-
man avenue, told of the song of a ro-
bin last Sunday morning.

"It kind of surprised me to hear
the robin singing with the thermo-
meter at the freezing point."

There is no question but what some
of the boys in military service had to
swallow many a bitter pill and it is
gratifying in this connection to read
the testimony of Ira W. Shaffer, who
writes to his mother at Manington:
"It has not even been necessary
for me to take a pill since I have
been in the army."

What patent medicine does Ira plan
to boost when he gets out of the ser-
vice?

Three hundred and sixty-one one
hundredths of one per cent. of the
roads of Taylor county have been im-
proved. County Clerk C. H. Bartlett
provides the data.

There are 53 miles of Class A
roads in the county and 302 miles
of Class B roads. The only paved
road complete at this time is a
mile between Grafton and Prunty-
town.

LAKE MARKET

(Continued from page one.)

tee in session last Saturday. The special
committee recently appointed by the
president of the association to recom-
mend some one for the secretary-
ship met Saturday and a success-
ful F. J. Patton was discussed, and
the names of several applicants and
their qualifications carefully consid-
ered, but Mr. Isner, who has not been
an applicant for the position, was con-
sidered out of the question on account
of his association and position with
the West Virginia Coal and Coke com-
pany at Elkins. Mr. Isner holds a re-
sponsible position with this large
operating company, and although he
has been approached by a member of
the committee for the purpose of see-
ing if his services could be secured it
was found that he could not consider
leaving his connection with this com-
pany. The West Virginia Coal and
Coke company is controlled by promi-
nent New York financial interests
and includes vast holdings, formerly
the property of H. G. Davis and his as-
sociates, with whom Mr. Isner was as-
sociated for several years prior to the
sale of the properties to the new inter-

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ests about two years ago. It is under-
stood that plans for the development
of these properties on a considerable
scale are well defined and only await
favorable conditions for putting same
into execution. A member of the com-
mittee stated to a representative of
The West Virginian that Mr. Isner has
at no time been a candidate for the po-
sition of secretary of the association.

The committee expects to be able to
announce the selection of a new secre-
tary within a few days. Several ap-
licants have been considered with care
and deliberation and a member of the
committee stated today that only a
man with qualifications necessary to
fill the position would be selected.

At a meeting of the committee on
Saturday John A. Clark, Jr., was elected
temporary secretary.

Saturday's Loading
On Saturday there were 332 loads
moved on the Monongah division of
the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Of
this total 302 cars were coal, 282 hav-
ing been loaded east and 20 west. Only
3 cars of coke were loaded they going
west.

Unconsign Cars.
Today there are 901 unconsign cars
on the Monongah division of the
B. & O. Saturday 101 unconsign cars
were being built out.

Railroad Fuel.
Last week 1,238 cars of railroad fuel
went out of the Fairmont region. This
is against 1,388 the week before. The
B. & O. last week secured 479 loads
against 534 the week before. Bangor &
Aroostook last week got 83 cars
against 85 the week before. The Central
of New Jersey increased their loads
from 85 to 117 over the previous week.

The New York, New Haven and Hart-
ford last week secured 148 loads
against 180 the week before. The P.
& R. fell off 96 cars over the week
before, last week's total having been
164 compared to 260 the preceding
week. The Maine Central increased
from 48 to 63 loads last week.

Week's Loading.
Last week's total loading was 3,083,
against 3,148 loads the week before.
Last week 2,955 loads went east and
133 loads went west. The preceding
week 2,817 cars of coal went east and
134 cars went west.

Coke loading, which has dwindled to
almost nothing in the Fairmont region,
fell from 19 to 14 cars—the weekly av-
erage being close to the 40 mark. Last
week 5 cars went east and 9 west com-
pared to 7 cars east and 12 west the
preceding week.

Curtis Bay Loading.
Last week a total of 164 cars went to
Curtis Bay. This is compared with 78
the week before.

United Mine Workers.
M. L. Haptonstall, district auditor
is at Elkinsport.

Ira Marks, district board member, is
at Grafton today.

J. L. Ballard, international organ-
izer, is at Miasie today.

Joe Angelo, international organizer,
is at Morgantown today.

James Diana, district board member,
is at Henshaw mines near Binghamton.

Today's Cars.
Cars on the Monongah division to-
day totaled 2,745. They are classified
as follows: Coal, 2,734; coke, 10;
wagon 1. Cars left over from the pre-
vious day were 738. The placement at
7 o'clock this morning was 1,285.

Working Conditions.
Mines idle today total 159. Last
Monday there were 164 mines down,
while two weeks ago there were 165
mines idle and three weeks ago 161
failed to work.

Vessels Released.
Among the vessels that have been
allocated by the Shipping Board for the
movement of coal are the following:
Chicabon, Bessan and Andra, 3,500
tons each, loading at Hampton Roads,
for South America; and Bulana, 3,500

weight tons loading at Hampton
Roads for Brazil. Seventeen other
vessels have been allocated.

Geological Survey.
According to the report of the United
States geological survey no mar-
ket week before last caused a loss of
production of 5,967,692 tons. The re-
ference to the Fairmont region is as
follows: Actual production, 192,023;
total lost allowances, 299,084; ear-
shortage, 1,964; labor shortage, 491;
mine disability, 3,488; no market,
288,771; all other causes, 4,420.

Non-Alien Residents.
Under the new revenue law coal
operators are obliged to determine
how many of their employees are non-
resident aliens and subject to tax-
ation. Approximately thirty-seven per
cent of the employees included in a re-
cent survey were foreigners.

By the canvass made by the National
Coal Association seventy nationalities
were represented, the figures be-
ing as follows: Austro-Hungarians,
54,604; Bulgarians, 545; Chinese, 69;
Adues, 67; Dutch, 105; English-speak-
ing races, 233,340; Finns, 1,060;
French, 4,478; Germans, 5,548; Greeks,
3,088; Italians, 44,869; Japanese, 412;
Lithuanians, 3,767; Hungarians, 4,
015; Mexicans, 320; Montenegrins,
580; Poles, 16,801; Portuguese, 25;
Rumanians, 740; Russians, 9,944;
Serbs, 1,282; Spaniards, 850; Syrians,
131; Swedes, 1,167; Turks, 200; mis-
cellaneous, 8,349.

Want Lease Annulled.
According to the Fayette Journal
the heirs of the late W. H. Hill, of
Belva, this county, have instituted
suit in the Circuit court, and ask to
have set aside the lease of the coal
lands, left by the said Hill, to his
heirs and which lease was made by the
executor of W. H. Hill, C. W. Oeston
and others, to J. P. Chapman and S.
M. Dunbar and others.

They ask for an accounting of the
coal mined from the lands now under
lease, and for judgment for the market
value of the coal taken out, and also
that the executor proceed to execute
the decree of sale of said lands entered
by the circuit court in July, 1909.

To Pay Demurrage.
Coal shippers at the lakes are won-
dering how they can escape paying
demurrage on their lake coal if the
pooling plan goes out of existence and
the free time for cars at the ports re-
mains three days. In 1916 the average
time of detention of cars at the lake
ports was 3.6 days and in 1918, with
the pooling plan in operation, under fa-

vorable auspices, the detention was
1.69 days. Even at that \$80,000 in de-
murrage was accumulated against the
pool.

The question of free time and de-
murrage per day will be decided upon
by the officials of the United States
Railroad administration.

Another Job Also.
Dr. F. C. Honnold, of Chicago, who
was unable to address the annual
meeting of the Northern West Vir-
ginia Coal Operators' Association be-
cause of illness in the family, recently
was made secretary of the William-
son County Coal Operators' Association
in addition to being secretary of the
Franklin and Saline Coal Oper-
ators' Association. He is known by
Fairmont operators.

Raise Coke Value.
Although the tax for Fayette county,
Pa., purposes remains the same for
1919, income of the county is expected
to be increased \$90,000 by a revised
assessment of coal lands. The revised
assessments per acre for coal lands
are: Connellsville vein, \$850; Pitts-
burgh or river vein, \$750; Springhill
township, \$300; Freeport or Sewick-
ley vein, \$75; Indian Creek Valley
vein, \$25.

Connellsville coal previously was
assessed at \$700 per acre and the
Pittsburgh or river vein at \$600. The
action of the county commissioners
increased the assessed valuation of
coal land property \$15,000,000 from
which \$90,000 additional taxes will be
collected.

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positing